



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 248

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Substitute House Bill No. 6617

House of Representatives, April 11, 2001

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. FOX of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) Upon expiration of a motor vehicle rental contract
2 between a lessee and a rental company, the rental company has the
3 right to take possession of the rental motor vehicle pursuant to this
4 section if: (1) The term of the expired rental contract was for thirty
5 days or less; and (2) not less than seventy-two hours have elapsed from
6 the time the vehicle should have been returned in accordance with the
7 provisions of the rental contract and during which time the lessee and
8 rental company did not agree to extend the rental contract. "Lessee"
9 and "rental company" have the same meaning as in section 12-692 of
10 the general statutes and "rental motor vehicle" has the same meaning
11 as in section 14-15b of the general statutes.

12 (b) In taking possession of the rental motor vehicle pursuant to
13 subsection (a) of this section, the rental company may proceed without
14 judicial process if without breach of the peace, or may proceed by

15 action.

GL *JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Judicial Department

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill could affect the workload of the Judicial Department but is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill allows a rental company to recover a rental motor vehicle from a lessee if (1) at least 72 hours have elapsed since the vehicle was due to be returned to the rental company, (2) the vehicle was rented for 30 days or less, and (3) the rental company and lessee did not agree to extend the rental contract.

The rental company can go to court to recover the vehicle or can seek to repossess it without legal action, if doing so will not result in a breach of the peace.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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